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ATTN: Form 499-A Revision Order

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> Form 499-A Revision Order; In the Matter of a Request for Review By Re: Eureka Broadband Corporation of A Decision of the Universal Service Administrator; CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 97-21

Request for Further Review, and Submission of Supplemental Information

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

On behalf of Eureka Broadband Corporation ("Eureka" or "the Company") as successor-in-interest to Gillette Global Network, Inc. ("Gillette" or "GGN"), we hereby submit supplemental information to the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") pursuant to an Order of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") released on December 9, 2004 (the "499 Revision Order"). This submission is made in further support of Eureka's September 30, 2004 Appeal of the decision of USAC regarding two revised 499-A filings ("Appeal").

In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Associations, Inc., CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 98-171, 97-21, DA 04-3669 (rel. December 9, 2004) ("499 Revision Order").

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I. THE 499 REVISION ORDER REQUIRES USAC TO REVIEW REQUESTS TO ACCEPT AMENDED FORM 400-As

The Commission released its *Order* concerning a modification in the deadline for filing revisions to the Telecommunications Worksheet ("Form 499-A") on December 9, 2004 and it becomes effective on January 10, 2005. The *Order* expressly considered the USAC practice of rejecting Form 499-As not submitted within one year of the due date of the original filing, if the revision would decrease regulatory fees or contributions to the Universal Service Fund ("USF").

The Commission decided to uphold the general USAC practice by adopting the one-year filing deadline on a prospective basis, applying a strict filing requirement to all 499 filings made after the effective date of the *Order*. The Commission, nevertheless, acknowledged numerous pending petitions for review of USAC's policy which were filed before the issuance of the 499-A Revision Order.

With regard to the pending requests, the *Order* instructs USAC to review these pending petitions, and to consider any new information filed up through the effective date of the *Order*. Specifically, the *Order* announces that the Commission will "remand these requests to USAC and direct USAC to revise universal service contribution obligations as appropriate provided that (1) the Petitioner has demonstrated good cause for submitting the revision beyond the one-year revision window; and (2) the Petitioner has provided an explanation of the cause for the change along with complete documentation showing how the revised figures derive from corporate financial records."

Finally, the Order requires USAC to give consideration to the pending petitions in strict compliance with the limited remand described by the Commission. The Order notes that to the extent a petition raises issues other than the acceptance of the revision of a 499-A, the Commission retains these issues for disposition at another time by the Wireline Competition Bureau or the Commission. In this case, one such is the issue of whether a Eureka must contribute certain funds to the USF if another carrier collected and subsequently remitted those same funds to the USF.

In the 499 Revision Order, the Commission "grant[ed] the pending requests for review" and directed USAC "to consider if there was good cause to allow revisions" of Eureka's 499 forms beyond the one-year deadline.² In so stating, the Commission directed USAC to m

² See 499 Revision Order at ¶ 13.

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consider fully the substantive arguments and evidence submitted by carriers petitioning for acceptance of their revised forms.

Thus, pursuant to the 499-A Revision Order, we submit this further request for review by USAC. As is discussed in detail in the following section, on September 30, 2004, Eureka submitted to the Commission and USAC, a request for review of USAC's decision rejecting 499s submitted by Eureka for the reporting years 2000 and 2001 (for revenues generated in 1999 and 2000). By this supplemental submission, Eureka reiterates critical points of information contained in the Company's initial Appeal, and appends a copy of the Appeal to this filing as Attachment A. The information in the initial petition, standing alone, provides justification for USAC to accept Eureka's revised 499-As. Nonetheless, as the Commission offered in the 499-A Revision Order, Eureka also submits new information in support of its request to accept the revised 499s-As. Taken together, these submissions present a compelling case for granting Eureka's request to accept the revised filings.

II. THE ISSUE IN DISPUTE: WHETHER USAC SHOULD ACCEPT EUREKA'S REVISED 499-As FOR 2000 AND 2001

Background and Corporate History of Eureka

The specific circumstances of Eureka's corporate history, and its prior communications with USAC, serve as a substantial basis by which USAC should accept Eureka's revised 499-A forms for the reporting years 2000 and 2001. Eureka is a New York City-based provider of resale and facilities-based telecommunications services to enterprise customers in New York, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Eureka is a company that has grown through acquisitions over the last five years. Due to the nature of these transactions, the Company's current management did not have oversight of the 499-A filing process during the relevant time periods.

The Effect of Corporate Acquisitions on Eureka's Form 499-A Filings

Since Eureka Broadband Corporation's inception, the Company has acquired seven (7) different companies, including Eureka's subsidiaries Gillette Global Network and eLink Communications. Although each subsequent corporate acquisition since 1999 increased revenues and customers, and therefore allowed the company to survive through difficult economic times, each created significant turmoil. At the time of each acquisition, the target

Appeal of Decision of the Universal Service Administrative Company Concerning Eureka Broadband Corporation's Revision to Form 499-A and Application of Charges, filed September 30, 2004 ("Eureka Appeal") or "Appeal").

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companies were distressed, plagued with poor record systems, and unstable workforces, which made each merger integration more difficult than normal for competitive telecommunications businesses. In particular, the absence of a unified billing platform among the different entities created significant problems for the Company – not the least of which was tracking and categorization of revenues. By 2004, however, Eureka's management completed an internal evaluation of its records, properly reorganized the Company, and determined revenue histories of the Company's various predecessors.

The full integration of the varied operational components of each of the seven acquired businesses was a difficult process that has taken a total of three years. In fact, not until late in the third quarter of 2003 did Eureka establish a single, fully integrated, billing system to enable accurate tracking and identification of USF-eligible revenues.⁴ This created two problems central to the issues in the *Appeal* currently before USAC:

- First, at the time Eureka approached USAC and the FCC in May 2004, the Company did
 not believe, nor did it have any knowledge, that GGN had previously filed any Form 499As. In particular, Eureka was unaware that GGN filed a Form 499-A in 2000.
- Second, GGN never filed a 499-A in 2001 (for year 2000 revenues). Rather, USAC created a 499-A reflecting "projected" revenues, derived from the incorrect GGN-filed form.

Only after Eureka voluntarily approached the Commission and USAC to disclose its outstanding debt, did the Company discover that the previous 499-As had been submitted and those filings were incorrect.⁵

Eureka's Voluntary Payment Plan and "Revised" Filing Efforts

Eureka created the 499-As, including those for the reporting years 2000 and 2001, based upon financial and accounting records remaining with the Company after the disruption of September 11, 2001 and subsequent merger reorganizations. To calculate its USF obligations, Eureka utilizes computer software which applies appropriate factors to gross revenues and derives those amounts subject to contribution to the USF.

See Eureka Appeal at Exhibit 4, citing May 5, 2004 Letter to Timothy Peterson, Federal Communications Commission from Jeffrey Ginsberg, Chairman, Eureka Networks.

See Eureka Appeal at Exhibit 4, citing May 10, 2004 Letter re: Proposed Payment Plan Arrangements to Timothy Peterson, Federal Communications Commission from Jonathan E. Canis and Darius B. Withers, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP.

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On May 10, 2004, after conducting an internal review of its records and completing calculations, Eureka submitted (on behalf of the predecessor companies and surviving USF Filer entity, GGN) a retroactive filing of Form 499-As for a range of years, from 1999 and continuing through 2004 (representing revenues from 1998 through 2003) as well providing the Commission and USAC with a Voluntary Payment Plan proposal.

In June of 2004, however, Eureka received an automatically generated letter from USAC advising Eureka that the new, "revised" FCC Form 499-A forms for the reporting years 2000 and 2001 (1999 and 2000 revenues) were being rejected ("2000/2001 Revised Filing"). Only then did Eureka learn, for the first time, that an older, GGN-authored form was "on-file" with USAC. This occurred, after the Company voluntarily and without any contact from USAC, approached it and the FCC to resolve its USF obligations.

Thus, at the time Eureka made its filing, it was unaware that with respect to two forms, the submissions would be considered "revised" filings. Eureka submitted its Voluntary Payment Plan, complete with 499-As for prior years, with the understanding that its filings were new, original, filings.

The 2000 GGN Form 499-A and the USAC-Generated 2001 Filing Were Erroneous and Grossly Overstated the Amount of USF Contributions Owed By Eureka

After receiving information from USAC regarding the prior filings, Eureka conducted an internal investigation of its available records. The Company identified critical mistakes in the earlier filings. First, GGN's 2000 filings mistakenly included gross revenues as the eligible USF-revenue base. In particular, GGN included Internet Service Provider (ISP) and other non-USF eligible revenues in its calculations. Eureka easily identified these mistakes by taking the same revenue information and completing the 499-A properly, per the 499-A Worksheet Instructions, and excluding the non-USF eligible revenues from the reported revenue base. By deducting revenues attributable to Internet service, local service, and other non-telecommunications revenues, Eureka determined that GGN overstated the predecessor company's USF obligation in the 2000 499-A filing by \$205,887.14.

Second, GGN never made a 2001 filing. As the Company discovered, because of USAC's standard practice of using a carrier's prior filing to "project" the revenues of a USF filer in the following year (if the carrier fails to file), the same calculation mistakes from the 2000 filing were reflected in the USAC-generated 2001 499-A. The 2001 499-A was based on the

Copies of relevant correspondence between Eureka's counsel and the Commission and USAC are enclosed herein as exhibits to Eureka Appeal.

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flawed 2000 GGN filing. In a manner identical to the calculations performed for the GGN 2000 fling, the Company concluded that the USAC-generated 2001 499-A overstated the USF obligation for Eureka by \$44,483.09.

Finally, the Company determined that both filings failed to account for payments made by GGN to MCI, Inc., which MCI, in turn, remitted directly to the USF. Eureka acknowledges this latter issue is still pending before the FCC, and is not ripe for resolution by USAC at this time. Eureka notes it, however, to illustrate a further flaw inherent in the GGN filing, thereby rendering the alleged accuracy of these earlier filings even more suspect.

III. EUREKA'S PETITION FOR REVIEW PROVIDES ADEQUATE INFORMATION TO COMPEL THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE REVISED 2000 AND 2001 499-A FILINGS

Eureka's Appeal describes in detail the process by which the Company approached the FCC and USAC voluntarily to present a payment plan and submit new 499-A filings to USAC to resolve any outstanding regulatory obligations. In addition to outlining the legal shortcomings inherent in USAC's practices, the Appeal chronicles the Payment Plan process initiated by USAC in May of 2004. The very process required for Eureka to submit information to USAC, and therefore comply with the Payment Plan obligations, also required Eureka to certify to the accuracy of its submissions, including all financial information relied upon or submitted by the Company. It also required Eureka to identify any issues for appeal to the FCC.

Furthermore, adequate information is contained in Eureka's appeal to justify acceptance of the revised 499-A filings. As described in the *Appeal* in greater detail, the "original" 499-A filing in 2000 represents erroneous data mistakenly calculated by GGN. In the specific instance of the "original" 2001 Form 499-A, the submission did not reflect an actual filing by GGN or by Eureka. Instead, it reflects only an assessment, or a projection of revenues created by USAC, based upon erroneous data from the GGN filing submitted in 2000. As noted herein, we have appended the *Eureka Appeal* to this supplemental submission, and reiterate that the information originally filed in the *Appeal* fully supports acceptance of the revised 2000 and 2001 499-A filings.

IV. THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS FILING FURTHER SUPPORTS ACCEPTANCE OF THE REVISED 2000 AND 2001 499-A FILINGS

The documentation attached hereto at *Attachments A and B* shows that USAC's rejection of Eureka's revised 2000 and 2001 submissions are not supported on the record. As is addressed in detail in the attached *Appeal*, the difference between the USF obligations based

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upon the predecessor company GGN's submissions and the successor-in-interest Eureka's revised submissions, total \$250,370.23.⁷ This difference is due to GGN's inclusion of non-USF eligible revenues in their previously submitted 499-A forms. This error caused a significant overstatement of GGN's USF obligations in its 2000 filing.

As noted earlier, the "original" 2001 499-A assessment, which was created by USAC because GGN never submitted a filing for 2001, is inherently flawed because it is based upon the erroneous data submitted by GGN in its 2000 Form 499-A submission. But, as discussed here and in the *Appeal*, documentation provided by Eureka demonstrates that the revenues reported by GGN to compute its USF obligation in 2000 included non-USF eligible revenues. This demonstrable error in GGN's 2000 form constitutes *prima facie* evidence that supports acceptance of the revised 499-A forms. Moreover, the newly submitted documentation at *Attachment B* illustrates that Eureka's 2000 and 2001 revised submissions were developed consistent with the methodology applied to Eureka's subsequent filings for 2002, 2003, and 2004. Notably, USAC accepted the underlying information contained in these later filings.

As a final point of support for revision of its 499-A forms, Eureka submits, as it has on multiple occasions in the past before USAC, a certification from a corporate officer that the financial information submitted to USAC – in this proceeding and the payment plan negotiations - is true and accurate. The certification is attached hereto as *Attachment C*.

The Information provided in Eureka's earlier *Appeal*, and the supplemental information provided herein, show conclusively that failure to accept Eureka's revised filings for 2000 and 2001 would lead to a gross overstatement of Eureka's USF obligations. USAC's failure to accept Eureka's May 2004 filings would result in a considerable overpayment to the USF. We also note that such action represents an unconstitutional taking under the 5th Amendment of the Constitution.

At bottom, USAC cannot justifiably deny Eureka's request for acceptance of its revised filings. Eureka has provided a logical "explanation of the cause for the change" in its predecessor GGN's 499-As, and supporting documentation to show how it arrived at its revised filing, per the directives in the FCC's Order. The *Order* further instructs USAC to "consider any new information filed up through the effective date of the *Order*." As requested, Eureka has provided this additional information and clarified the facts contained in its pending *Appeal* to support a decision to accept the Company's revised 499-A submissions.

See Eureka Appeal at 3, 7-14.

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V. CONCLUSION

In closing, Eureka has demonstrated good cause for its filing of revised 499-A forms for 2000 and 2001. We respectfully request that USAC consider all the information submitted by Eureka, including information submitted to it during Eureka's voluntary offering of a payment plan proposal to USAC in May of 2004; conclude that this information provides adequate grounds for revising the GGN filing of 2000, and the USAC-calculated filing of 2001; and accept the revised filings that Eureka has submitted for those years.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jonathan E. Canis /s/

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Attachments (as noted)

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Eureka Broadband Corporation successor-in-interest to Gillette Global Network, Inc.

Form 499-A Year 2000

Reconcilation of Gross Sales to Federal Tax Return

1999 Gross Sales 6,419,542 Per Form 1120 Provided as Exhibit A

Adjustment for Accrued Revenue (422,480)

Gross Billed Revenue 5,997,062 Per Form 499A Amended Filing in May-2004

Reconcilation to Amended Form 499-A

		%	%	\$	\$
•	Total	Interstate*	International*	Interstate	International
USF Billed	59,228	80.0%	20.0%	47,382	11,846
Local Services	1,851,375	0.0%	0.0%	•	-
Long Distance Services	492,613	60.0%	20.0%	295,568	98,523
Internet Services	3,593,846	0.0%	0.0%	-	-
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^{*}Allocation Based on 2001 - 2003 Billings (provided as Exhibit B)

Original Form 499-A Filed Sept-2000

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USF Billed	58,500	94.9%	0.0%	55,500	-
Local Services	280,000	0.0%	0.0%	-	-
Subscriber Line Charge	6,000	100.0%	0.0%	6,000	-
Local Private Lines	1,800	0.0%	0.0%	-	-
Long Distance Services	4,989,000	79.0%	0.0%	3,941,000	
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Other Long Distance Services	100,000	88.5%	2.8%	88,500	2,800
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	If 'Yes,' enter name and EIN of the parent corporation			If Yes,				
	•		а	Enter perce	entage owned 🕨			
			Ŀ	Enter owner				\$333 3 5320
5	At the end of the tax year, did any individual, part-		c	The corpora	ation may have to file F	orm 54	72. Enter n	umber of
	nership, corporation, estate or trust own, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the corporation's voting							
	stock? (For rules of attribution, see Section 267(c).)	Х	11		box if the corporation is	ssued p	bublicly offer	red
			l ''		nents with original issu			
	If 'Yes,' attach a schedule showing name and		•		the corporation may ha			0505555555555
	identifying number. (Do not include any information already entered in 4 above.)		12	-	mount of tax-exempt in			
	Enter % owned ► See Ques 5 Stmt		1 '2		•			
	Lines to office See Ques 5 Similar				ring the tax year			
6	During this tax year, did the corporation pay dividends		13		e 75 or fewer sharehol	aers at	me end of	gre
	(other than stock dividends and distributions in exchange for stock) in excess of the corporation's		1					
	current and accumulated earnings and profits? (See		14		ration has an NOL for t			
	Sections 301 and 316.)	X		to forego th	e carryback period, ch	eck her	е	► U [
	If 'Van' file Form E4E2 If this is a second date of the		15	Enter the av	vailable NOL carryover	from p	rior tax year	rs 💮
	If 'Yes,' file Form 5452. If this is a consolidated return, answer here for the parent corporation and on Form			(Do not red	uce it by any deduction	on line	e 29a.)	
	851, Affiliations Schedule, for each subsidiary.			≻ \$				

FORM 1120 (1999) GILLETTE GLUBAL NET			13-373	
Schedule L Balance Sheets per Books		of tax year		tax year
Assets	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1 Cash		178,972.		2,687,734.
2a Trade notes and accounts receivable	1,467,028.		1,626,479.	
b Less allowance for bad debts		1,467,028.	179,000.	1,447,479.
3 Inventories				
4 U.S. government obligations				
5 Tax-exempt securities (see instructions)				
6 Other current assets (attach schedule)Ln.6S.tm.t				43,458.
7 Loans to shareholders		58,912.		
8 Mortgage and real estate loans				
9 Other investments (attach schedule)				
10a Buildings and other depreciable assets	68,799.		866,403.	
b Less accumulated depreciation		19,497.	91,655.	774,748.
11 a Depletable assets			<u></u>	
b Less accumulated depletion				
12 Land (net of any amortization)				
13a Intangible assets (amortizable only)			20,323.	
b Less accumulated amortization		8,958.	15,395.	4,928.
14 Other assets (attach schedule) Ln. 14. Stmt	11,505.	108,049.	19, 333.	285,970.
15 Total assets		1,841,416.		5,244,317.
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		1,041,410.		3,244,511.
16 Accounts payable		1,586,268.		2,255,018.
17 Mortgages, notes, bonds payable in less than 1 year			100	180,265.
18 Other current liabilities (attach sch) Ln 18 Stmt		157,750.		965,712.
19 Loans from shareholders				
20 Mortgages, notes, bonds payable in 1 year or more		60,008.		353,990.
21 Other liabilities (attach schedule)				
22 Capital stock: a Preferred stock	210	3.0	3,290,000.	2 215 210
b Common stock	210.	210.	25,210.	3,315,210. 109,164.
23 Additional paid-in capital		40,206.		103,104.
24 Retained earnings — Approp		-3,026.		-1,935,042.
26 Adjustments to shareholders' equity		-3,020.		1, 222, 042.
27 Less cost of treasury stock				
28 Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		1,841,416.		5,244,317.
Note: The corporation is not required to complete Schedules	M-1 and M-2 if the total asse		edule Lare less than \$25,000	***************************************
Schedule Mal Reconciliation of Income				
1 Net income (loss) per books		7 Income recorded of		
2 Federal income tax		included on this re	_	
3 Excess of capital losses over capital gains	167,661.	Tax-exempt interest \$		
4 Income subject to tax not recorded on books				
this year (itemize):				
, , ,		8 Deductions on this retu	rn not charged	
5 Expenses recorded on books this year not		against book income th	_	
deducted on this return (itemize):			·	
a Depreciation \$		b Contribu carryover \$		
b Contributions carryover \$ 7,437.				
c Travel & entertainment \$54,586.				
See Ln 5 Stmt 179, 542.				,,,,,,,
	241,565.	9 Add lines 7 and 8		
6 Add lines 1 through 5	-1,519,790.	10 Income (line 28, page 1		-1,519,790.
Schedule M-2 Analysis of Unappropriate				<u> </u>
Balance at beginning of year	-3,026.	5 Distributions		
2 Net income (loss) per books	-1,932,016.		_ c Property	
3 Other increases (itemize):	_,,	6 Other decreases (i		
	ACC 1901-1909 (C.C.)	7 Add lines 5 and 6		··
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	-1,935,042.	8 Balance at end of year (-1,935,042.
	, = = = , =			

Schedule D (Form 1120)

Capital Gains and Losses

► Attach to Form 1120, 1120-A, 1120-F, 1120-FSC, 1120-H, 1120-IC-DISC, 1120-L, 1120-ND, 1120-PC, 1120-POL, 1120-REП, 1120-RIC, 1120-SF, 990-C, or certain Forms 990-T.

OMB No. 1545-0123

1999

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

GILLETTE GLOBAL NETWORK INC

Employer identification Number

13-3793720

	(a) Description of property (Example, 100 shares of Z Co)	Description of property Date acquired Date sold Sales price Cost or o		(e) Cost or other bas (see instructions		(f) Gain or (loss) (Subtract (e) from (d))	
1							
						-	
2	Short-term capital gain from inst	allment sales from F	orm 6252, line 26 o	r 37	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	2	
3	Short-term gain or (loss) from like	e-kind exchanges fr	om Form 8824			3	
4	Unused capital loss carryover (at	ttach computation).				4	
5	Net short-term capital gain or (lo	ss), Combine lines	through 4	<u> </u>	,	5	
	Long-Term Capital G	····					167.55
5	STOCK LIII	Various	12/31/99	0.	167,6	61.	-167,66
_							
7	Enter gain from Form 4797, colu	mn (g), line 7 or 9.				7	
8	Long-term capital gain from insta					8	
9	Long-term gain or (loss) from like	e-kind exchanges fro	om Form 8824	*		9	
0	Net long-term capital gain or (los	s). Combine línes 6	through 9			10	-167,66
20	Summary of Parts I a	ınd II					
7.0	Enter excess of net short-term ca	apital gain (line 5) o	ver net long-term ca	pital loss (line 10)		11	
_						30	
1	Net capital gain. Enter excess of	net long-term capita	al gain (line 10) over	r net snort-term capita	i loss (line 5);	12	
1 2 3				•	• •	13	

Form **4562**

Depreciation and Amortization

(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No. 1545-0172 1999

	ment of the Treasury	99)		tructions. In to your return.			67			
Name(s) Shown on Return			Busin	ess or Activity to Which	This Form R	Relates	Identifying Number		
GIL	LETTE GLOBAL	L NETWOR	K INC	For	m 1120 Line	20	į	13-3793720		
Pai	t I Election	n to Expe	ıse Certain	Tangible Property rty,' complete Part V be	(Section 179)					
1	Maximum dollar lii	mitation, If a	n enterprise z	one business, see instr	uctions			1 \$19,000.		
2	Total cost of Secti	on 179 prop	erty placed in	service. See instruction	s			2		
3	Threshold cost of	Section 179	property before	re reduction in limitation	1			\$200,000.		
4 Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-										
5	Dollar limitation fo separately, see in	r tax year. S structions	Subtract line 4	from line 1. If zero or le	ss, enter -0 If m	arried filir	ng	5		
6					(b) Cost (business		(C) Elected cost			
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7										
8				ldd amounts in column				8		
9				e 5 or line 8				9		
10	-			3. See instructions						
11				er of business income (n			·	<u> </u>		
12	Section 179 exper	nse deductio	n. Add lines 9	and 10, but do not ente	r more than line 1	I1 <u></u>		2		
_13	Carryover of disall	lowed deduc	tion to 2000. A	Add lines 9 and 10, less	line 12	▶ 13				
Note prop	: Do not use Part I. erty used for entert	l or Part III l ainment, red	pelow for listed creation, or an	l property (automobiles, nusement). Instead, use	certain other veh Part V for listed	icles, celli property.	ular telephones, cel	rtain computers, or		
Par		Deprecia nclude Liste		sets Placed in Serv	ice Only Duri	ng Your	1999 Tax Year			
			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Section A — General A	sset Account Elec	ction				
14	If you are making or more general a	the election	under Section	168(i)(4) to group any abox. See instructions	assets placed in s	ervice dur	ring the tax year int	o one		
				- General Depreciation						
	(a) Classification of prope	rty	(b) Month and year placed in service	(C) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only — see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	on (f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction		
15 a	3-year property									
b	5-year property									

15a 3-year property									
b 5-year property									
c 7-year property									
d 10-year property									
e 15-year property									
f 20-year property									
g 25-year property		25 yrs		S/L					
h Residential rental		27.5 yrs	MM	S/L					
property		27.5 yrs	MM	S/L					
i Nonresidential real		39 yrs	MM	S/L					
property			MM	S/L					
	Section C — Alternat	tive Depreciation System (ADS) (S	See instructio						
16a Class life				S/L					
b 12-year		12 yrs		S/L					
c 40-year		40 yrs	MM	S/L	····				
Part III Other Depreci	ation (Do Not Include Lis	ted Property) (See instructions)							
17 GDS and ADS deductions	for assets placed in servic	e in tax years beginning before 19	999	17	7,774.				
18 Property subject to Section	n 168(f)(1) election				34,579.				
19 ACRS and other depreciati	on ,			19					
Summary (See instructions)									
20 Listed property. Enter amo	unt from line 26	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	20					
21 Total. Add deductions on line 12, lines 15 and 16 in column (g), and lines 17 through 20. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations — see instructions									
22 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to Section 263A costs									
BAA For Paperwork Reduction	Act Notice, see instruction	ns. FDIZO	812 10/21/99		Form 4562 (1999)				

Listed Property — Automobiles, Certain Other Vehicles, Cellular Telephones, Certain Computers, and Property Used for Entertainment, Recreation, or Amusement

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 23a, 23b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

		ion A - Deprec	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	A, all of		•			<u> </u>		ita far s		or outor	nahilas \		
23:	a Do you have evidence						Yes						er auton		Yes	No
	(a) /pe of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(C) Business/ investment use percentage	(d Cost other	D) t or	Basis f	(e) or deprecess/invest rse only)	iation		(f) Recovery period	N	(g) lethod/ nvention	Dep	(h) reciation duction	E	(i) lected tion 179 cost
24	Property used i	nore than 50%		business	use (see	instruc	tions):		<u></u>						<u> </u>	
						<u> </u>			<u> </u>		-		.			
	····				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·								 		+	
25	Property used 5	0% or less in a	qualified but	siness use	(see ins	truction	s):		<u>'</u>				······			
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26	Add amounts in	column (h). En	ter the total	here and	on line 20	l b page	1					26				
27	Add amounts in	- •												Z	,	
	olete this section for v provided vehicles to			tner, or othe stions in Sec		5% own e if you m	er, or rel	ated pe	rson.	ompleting		ion for the	T.	(e)	J (f)
28	(Do not include cor			Veh	icle 1	Vehi	cle 2	\		cle 3	Veh	icle 4	Veh	icle 5	Veh	cle 6
29 30	Total commuting m Total other pers		ruting)			<u>.</u>		-		•						-
31	Total miles driv		ear. Add													
				Yes	No	Yes	No	Ye	5	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
32	Was the vehicle during off-duty	available for phours?														
	Was the vehicle than 5% owner	·					-		_							
34	Is another vehic personal use?	cle available for														
	wer these question	ons to determine	C — Questio e if you meet		-					-				no are n	ot more	than
35	Do you maintair by your employ	a written policees?	y statement t	hat prohib	its all per	sonal u	se of v	ehicle	es, i	ncludiną	comm	uting,			Yes	No
		e instructions fo	r vehicles us	ed by corp	porate of	icers, d										
	Do you provide	more than five	vehicles to y	our employ	yees, obt	ain info	rmation	from	you	ır emplo	oyees a	bout the	use of	the		-
39	Do you meet the Note: If your an		concerning q	ualified au	ıtomobile	demon	stration									
Pai	t VI Amor	tization					·									
	Desc	(a) ription of costs		Date an	(b) nortization egins	,	(C) Amortizab amount			Co- Sec	de	Amo	(e) rtization riod or centage	,	(f) mortizațio or this yea	n r
40	Amortization of	costs that begin	ns during you	r 1999 tax	year:	<u> </u>										
						1										
41		costs that bega			<u>. , ,</u>				٠				. 41			030.
42	Total. Enter he	re and on 'Othe	r Deductions	or 'Other	Expense	s' line d	of your	returr	١.,				. 42		4,	. 030 (1999

Form 1120, Page 1, Line 26		
Other Deductions Statement		
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	8,081.	
BROCHURES & PRINTING	28,272.	
AUTO EXPENSES	18,205.	
BAD DEBTS	92,564.	
BANK CHARGES/ CREDIT CARD CHARGES	4,317.	
ADP SERVICE CHARGE	2,865.	
COMPUTER SUPPLIES	2,009.	
EDUCATION & TRAINING	18,213.	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAM	24,670.	
EQUIPMENT OPERATING LEASES	159,075.	
CONSULTING EXPENSE	135,548.	
INSURANCE	95,169.	
PROFESSIONAL FEES	232,815.	
OUTSIDE SERVICES	38,369.	
OFFICE EXPENSE	85,206.	
POSTAGE	17,207.	
SUPPLIES	27,713.	
LOCAL TRAVEL	5,452.	
TELEPHONE	<u>190,228.</u>	
TRAVEL	34,609.	
UTILITIES	5,917.	
Amortization	4,030.	
LICENSES	3,207.	
Meals and entertainment (50%)	54,587.	
TRADE SHOW COSTS	29,400.	
USE TAX	1,335.	
Total	1,319,063.	
Form 1120, Page 2, Sch A, Line 5 Other Costs Statement		
TELEPHONE SERVICE CARRIER COSTS	2,697,641.	
COMMISSIONS	503,390.	
INSTALLATION FEES/COSTS	18,099.	
BILLING SERVICE COSTS	77,049.	
CUSTOMER EQUIPMENT COSTS	346,540.	
INTERNET SERVICE & DATA COSTS	695,639.	
Total	4,338,358.	
Form 1120, Page 4, Schedule L, Line 6 Ln 6 Stmt		
Other Current Assets:	Beginning of tax year	End of tax year
PREPAID INTEREST		43,458.
Total		43,458.

Form 1120, P	age 4, Sc	hedule L,	Line 14
Ln 14 Stmt			

Other Assets:	Beginning of tax year	End of tax year				
SECURITY DEPOSITS PREPAID INTEREST OTHER RECEIVABLE	108,049.	192,703 43,867 49,400				
Total	108,049.	285,970				
Form 1120, Page 4, Schedule L, Line 18 Ln 18 Stmt						
Other Current Liabilities:	Beginning of tax year	End of tax year				
	····					

SALES TAX/ EXCISE TAX PAYABLE	148,059.	144,050.
PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE	3,548.	47,542.
ACCRUED STATE TAXES	6,143.	0.
DEFERED REVENUE	0.	235,000.
CONVERTIBLE DEBT		539,120.
		

965,712. 15<u>7,750.</u> Total

Form 1120, Sch K, Corporation Ownership Information Ques 5 Stmt

Name ID No. JOSEPH GILLETTE 191-60-5409

Form 1120, Page 4, Schedule M-1, Line 5 Ln 5 Stmt

PENALTIES <u>5</u>42 <u>.</u> ALLOWANCE FOR BAD DEBT 179,000.

Total 179,542.

EUREKA BROADBAND CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED USF CALCULATIONS 2001-2003

Total 2003	December-03	November-03	Cetoberas	representation	A CONTRACT	A. Indiana	SO-Whu C	June-03	May-03	Aprillado	A Lillian	March-03	February-03	January-03	Total 2002	December-02	November-02	October-02	20-leamendes	August-02	July-02	June-02	May-02	April-02	March-02	February-02	January-02	Total 2001		December	November-01	October-01	September-01	Augusto	July-01	June-01	May-01	April-01	March-01	February-01	January-01	Perlod	
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507 019 09 \$	58,320,76 \$	46 448 35 \$	64,566,88 \$	4 64.888.69	00,000,00	56 9An nA \$	44.537.50 \$	54,890.62 \$	53,375,97 \$	9,027,30	9 807 30	28 542 84 \$	12.473.29 \$	14,134,91 \$	197 593.29 \$	14,298.30 \$	16,191,31 \$	19,453,48 \$	17,497.90 \$	17,800.61 \$	12 127 44 \$	16,423.07 \$	19,356,40 \$	19,482.56 \$	11,370.05 \$	15,558,06 \$	18,026.10 \$	172,338,70 \$		11 765 94 5	15.622.73 \$	17 137 20 \$	11.597.77 \$	16,023,47 \$	14,816.21 \$	14,286,44 \$	13,668.52 \$	16,469,91 \$	17,178.08 \$	\$ 55.tac,t1	10,608,86 \$	403(a)	State/Federal USF Billed
452 946 21 \$	53,038.53 \$	40.965.07 \$	\$ 50,666,05	00,076,06	40,619,17	51010 17	39.686.03	48,808,56 \$	45,692,49 \$	0,404,44	0000000	27 264 60 5	11.485.39 \$	12,944,52 \$	176,464.59 \$	12,863,31 \$	14,416,86 \$	16,970,96 \$	15,449.17 \$	15,683,12 \$	10,969,81 \$	14 738 70 \$	17,110,28 \$	17,410.90 \$	10 102 88 \$	13,887,40 \$	16,721,30 \$	139,695,16 \$		10 40	13.820.24 \$	14 928 42 4	10 251 14 \$	13.549.75	12,030.99 \$	11 164 28 \$	10,682,61 \$	12,401,58 \$	12,677,03 \$	9,910,09 \$	7,635.59 \$		interstate in
44072 BR	5,282.23 \$	5,484,28 \$	F87795131	5,213.51	0,010.00	1000.87	4.849,47 \$	6,081,96 \$	7,483,48 \$	4 06.700	() () () () () () () () () () () () () (1 278 15	987.90 \$	1,190.29 \$	21,128.60 \$	1,434.98 \$	1,774,46 \$	2,482.52	2,008.73	2,117.49 \$	1,157.63 \$	1,684,37 \$	2,256,12 \$	2,071,66 \$	1,267.17 \$	1,568.66	1,304.81 \$	32,643.53 \$	*	1 322 60 \$	1.802.49 \$	2 204 77 \$	1.346.63 \$	2.473.72 \$	2,585,22 \$	3,122.16 \$	2,985.91 \$	4,068.23 \$	4,501,05 \$	3,453,47 \$	2,773.27 \$	403(e)	nternational
8 706 aca 307 a	568,911.89 \$	555,598,07 \$	380,592,15 \$	303,434,31	100,141,00	477 141 24 4	719,063,39 \$	635,282.14 \$	556,231,60 \$	\$ De.000,270	- CT	580 130 7R S	465 782 77 S	520,432,05 \$	6,540,059,18 \$	461,923,65 \$	534,726,83	557,604.73 \$	507,508,01 \$	571,481.72 \$	492,806,27 \$	526,574.73 \$	549,650,03 \$	575,585.50 \$	368,597,74 \$	521,495,36 \$	812,704,60 \$	5,251,617.26 \$	4	570 167 07	533.167.33	579 Sus os s	420 204 7D \$	454 722 14 \$	435,115.68 \$	421,364,17 \$	506,495,35	440,329,47 \$	393,698,76 \$	267,431.52 \$	219,335.01 \$		Local LD/
3 CF 480 P31 2	268,825,33 1	249,976,21	549,189.21	485,344.60	200 212 00	246.726.37	298.260.30 \$	373,002.65 \$	312,384,37	60'696'79	44700000	194 207 62	185.231.25	224,952.46	3,212,562.76	215,234.69 \$	250,773.08 \$	301,696,37 \$	268,963.76	272,087.08	195,219,27	261,763.50 \$	295,973,68 \$	302,934,00 \$	214,191,46 \$	293,272.86 \$	340,442.80 \$	2,566,149.82 \$	#00/01 T(01	202461	258 317 51 \$	300 733 35 S	139.632.06	208.204.84 \$	193,040,75	196,580.41 \$	192,309.58 \$	236,111.51 \$	255,471.32	195,338,17 \$	181,425,70 \$	414(a)	LD/international
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*Average	2003	2002	2001	
62.5%	50,8%	62,4%	64.3%	
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Eureka Broadband Corporation: Request for Review of the Universal Service Administrator

Officer's Certification of Financial Documentation Provided to the Universal Service Administrative Company

I, Jeffrey Ginsberg, being the duly elected Chairman of the Eureka Broadband Corporation d/b/a Eureka Networks, successor-in-interest to Gillette Global Network, Inc. (the "Company" or "Eureka") (Filer ID # 820387), do hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that all information provided to the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC"), including all financial documents, FCC Form 499s, or other information reflecting the historical or current financial condition of Eureka are true and correct in all material respects on and as of the date hereof.

Signature:

Printed Name:

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Date:

EXHIBIT C

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of a Request for Review By Eureka Broadband Corporation of Decision of Universal Service Administrator SEP 3 0 2004

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.

CC Docket No. 97-21

CC Docket No. 96-45

APPEAL OF DECISIONS OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY CONCERNING EUREKA BROADBAND CORPORATION'S REVISION TO FCC FORM 499-A AND APPLICATION OF CHARGES

Pursuant to Section 54.713 of the rules of the Federal Communications

Commission ("FCC" or "Commission"), 47 C.F.R. § 54.713, Eureka Broadband Corporation

("Eureka" or the "Company") as successor-in-interest to Gillette Global Network, Inc.

("Gillette" or "GGN") hereby respectfully requests that the Commission grant this request for an appeal of two decisions of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC").

Specifically, Eureka is disputing a series of decisions by USAC, which would result in the application of a total of \$606,982.22 in Universal Service Fund ("USF") fees against Eureka. As explained herein in greater details, Eureka voluntarily approached USAC and the FCC to discuss the establishment of a payment plan (the "Voluntary Payment Plan") and to become fully compliant with its USF obligations pursuant to Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 254. Nevertheless, USAC has chosen to, during the payment plan discussions, reject the filing of revised 499A Forms and to impose fees on Eureka, which would result in a double recovery to the USF.

INTRODUCTION AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Eureka is a New York City-based resale and facilities provider of telecommunications and internet services to enterprise customers in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Eureka offers businesses a single source for voice communications services, high-speed Internet, managed security services and data networking solutions. Eureka Broadband Corporation was established is 1998 and since that year has acquired seven (7) companies including GGN in December 2000.

On May 10, 2004¹, Eureka submitted a retroactive filing of (on behalf of GGN)
Form 499-As from 1999 through 2004 (representing revenues from 1998 through 2003) as well as the Voluntary Payment Plan proposal thereby initiating formal negotiations with USAC and beginning the process of working with USAC to identify its USF-based obligations. At the time Eureka submitted its Voluntary Payment Plan, the Company did not believe that GGN had previously filed any Form 499-As concerning revenue generated during the relevant time frame between 1998 and 2003. Therefore, in May of 2004, Eureka believed it necessary to submit the 499A Forms to come into compliance and commence the Payment Plan negotiation and acceptance process with USAC and the FCC.

During the payment plan negotiation process, however, Eureka received an automatically generated letter from USAC advising Eureka that the new, "revised" FCC Form 499-As for the reporting years 2000 and 2001 (1999 and 2000 revenues) were being rejected ("2000/2001 Revised Filing"). The stated basis for rejection of the "new", revised form was the fact that, unbeknownst to any participants in the discussions at the time, GGN had, in fact, filed a FCC Form 499-A in 2000. Eureka only had the opportunity to review the aforementioned 499-A

Copies of relevant correspondence between Eureka's counsel and the Commission and USAC are attached hereto at Exhibit 4.

after the Company's initial document submission to USAC in May 2004. Upon review of the filing, Eureka deemed the revenue accounting calculations, utilized as the basis for the 499-A, to be completely erroneous. Unfortunately, the "refilling" of a "new" 499 Form, according to USAC, violated USAC's policy that a carrier has no more than one year after filing a 499A Form to submit any adjustments to its reported revenues. Furthermore, USAC rejected Eureka's new, revised 2001 Form 499-A based on the identical policy. In fact, GGN never filed a Form 499-A for 2001. USAC, nevertheless, chose to estimate an amount due from GGN based upon its 2000 Form 499-A filing. At the time of the automated rejection by USAC, counsel for Eureka was actively discussing and negotiating, in good faith, with USAC and the FCC, the terms and possible conditions associated with Eureka's Voluntary Payment Plan. Eureka operated during the negotiations under the belief that, as part of the ongoing negotiations, USF-eligible revenues reported in the rejected 2000 and 2001 Form 499-As, rather than the revenues reported by GGN, would form the basis for any final USF assessment calculations. Eureka and its counsel therefore believed that USAC's rejection of its 2000 and 2001 Form 499-As did not prejudice its proposed Voluntary Payment Plan, and that an appeal of these rejections was not necessary. This understanding changed on September 9, 2004, at a meeting between Eureka, its attorneys, and representatives of the Commission and USAC, in which Eureka was told that the USFeligible revenues GGN reported, and USAC assessed for 2000 and 2001, respectively were considered by USAC to be part of the total USF liability calculations. This amount, \$250,373.23, which is the difference in USF-obligations Eureka may owe based on application of different revenue reporting is disputed by Eureka.

Second, Eureka also is seeking an appeal regarding an additional USAC decision concerning a disputed amount in the sum of \$296,200.10. This amount represents USF